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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

An office action was issued on November 18, 2002. Applicant hereby petitions for a three month extension of time to and including May 18, 2003 to respond to the Office Action. Authorization is hereby given to charge the \$930.00 fee for a three month extension of time to Deposit Account No. 18-1945 under Order No. JJJ-P01-515. Therefore, a response is due May 18, 2003. Therefore, the response being concurrently filed herewith is being timely filed.

In the event that a further petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted at this time, applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time for as many months as are required to ensure that the above-identified application does not become abandoned.

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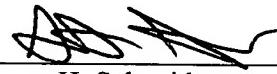
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Please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-1945 under Order No. JJJ-P01-515 in the amount of \$930.00 covering the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(a)(3). If any additional fee is deemed necessary, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 18-1945 under Order No. JJJ-P01-515.

Dated: May 9, 2003

Respectfully submitted,

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